

REMARKS

I. Preliminary Comments

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the interview conducted with their counsel at which all claims were indicated to be allowable. An early allowance of all claims (1-36) is accordingly solicited.

II. The Outstanding Rejections

Claims 1-12 and 25-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Uhlmann

Claims 1-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph).

III. Patentability Arguments

A. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) Should be Withdrawn

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (first paragraph) should be withdrawn as the recitation of "generally transparent" is not indefinite and would be understood by those of ordinary skill in the art.

B. The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 Should be Withdrawn

The rejections on the basis of Uhlmann should be withdrawn as the reference fails to suggest the optical elements having characteristics specified in the claims for the reasons discussed at the interview.

Accordingly, each of claims 1-12 and 25-36 should be allowed.

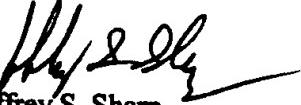
IV. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, the rejections should now be withdrawn and an early notice of all pending claims (1-36) is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner wish to

discuss any issues of form or substance in order to expedite allowance of the pending application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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